

AREA 2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES for FEBRUARY 10-11, 2010

Oxford Suites, Redding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Concklin (2/11)

Jean Phillips

Colleen Ryberg

Steven Sharpe

Leroy Shipp

Larry Stevens

Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie Anderson

Marie L. Blair

Kimber Stanford

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, AB2 Ex. Director

Sarah May, LQA Project Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Wesley Brown, Parent (Shasta Co)

Marcy Caldwell, Parent/SCCC (2/11)

Lee Hanlon, Parent/SCCC (2/11)

Laura Larson, FNRC (2/11)

Betsy Madison, Shasta Co. SELPA (2/11)

1. CALL TO ORDER – February 10, 2010 – 1:02p.m. - Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements - Dinner plans were made.

C. Public Input - Robert Wesley Brown shared information on an upcoming community training sponsored by the Community Advisory Committee and the Shasta County SELPA, "Preparing Wills for Children with Special Needs" Presented by Phyllis J. Raudman, Attorney. Training will be held at Shasta County Office of Education on March 9, 2010 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Questions, call 225-0100.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, Chair

***A.** Approval of February 10-11, 2010 Agenda -

MOTION - That agenda be approved as written.

M/S/C - S. Sharpe / C. Ryberg / Passed Unanimously

***B.** Approval of November 12-13, 2010 Minutes -

MOTION - The minutes be approved as written.

M/S/C - M. Yalow / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING TRAINING – ALL BOARD MEMBERS

Leroy introduced the Strategic Planning session by reviewing the SCDD background, process and outlining AB2's Strategic Plan (SP) timelines for development, community input and implementation. The Board discussed the draft SP and challenges towards achieving the all the strategies. The Board recognized the importance of partnership and collaboration with our community and stakeholders in implementing this plan.

Leroy facilitated the Board reading, discussing and giving input for each SP Goal, Benchmark and Strategies. The Board members identified their top selected Strategies under each Goal, noting in general they liked them all! Discussion included questions, suggestions and ideas from all members and staff.

Larry talked about his support for AB involvement in developing County Coordinating Councils where none exist and the importance of strengthening the existing Coordinating Councils in Butte, Tehama and Shasta County. Board requested info and history of CCC's.

The Board gave direction to Robin to prioritize the strategies, make the changes recommended and present for review and approval at the April meeting.

4. EMERGING ISSUES/COMMUNITY REPORTS

Tehama County - Larry Stevens suggested a movie "Miracle Run" airing on 2/23 and shared the new "Rights Under the Lanterman Act: Regional Center Services for People with Developmental Disabilities" available at: www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/506301Index.htm. He also reported on TCCC's projects including; "Circle of Champions" Recognition Luncheon in May, 2010 and the Disaster Preparedness Fair in June, 2010. As marketing information is developed, he will share with Board members.

5. RECESS 4:57 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. THURSDAY, SAME LOCATION

1. CALL TO ORDER – February 11, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. - Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements – None

C. Public Input – Marcy Caldwell, Chair, and Lee Hanlon, Secretary, of the Shasta County Coordinating Council (SCCC), shared concerns regarding Shasta College and the diminishing courses offered to students with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and the Transition Certificate Program. SCCC is drafting a letter with these concerns and hopes to work together with the college to find solutions.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT – Leroy Shipp

Leroy shared that he continues to serve on the Executive Committee for SCDD and reported that SCDD is going through a lot of changes administratively. He also shared his participation in writing 2 "white papers" on Special Education and Employment issues. Leroy stressed that in this period of flux until SCDD hires another Executive Director, the importance of including Area Boards for input and planning. Robin complimented Leroy on his passion and commitment to AB2 and SCDD.

Leroy shared the letter that was written to Kimber Stanford, Modoc County Representative and addressing her absences and By-Law requirements. Robin was directed contact Modoc County, Board of Supervisors letting them know we are not seeking reappointment of Kimber and will seek recruitment of another Modoc County representative.

Leroy acknowledged the reappointment letters for Larry Stevens (Tehama County) and Colleen Ryberg (Trinity County).

3. SHASTA COUNTY SELPA - OVERVIEW AND UPDATE – Betsy Madison, M.A.

Betsy Madison, M.A., Program Specialist, presented on Shasta County SELPA and its' function and purpose in the school system. Betsy has been employed with Shasta County SELPA for 32 years. Betsy reported that they work with 28 school districts in Shasta

County. SELPA provides school districts support, up-to-date information on IDEA and RTI. SELPA also provides trainings on disability related subjects; provide support resources and trainings to the district for special education services and following the laws as written.

Betsy shared some of their current projects including; an Interpreter Center, Lending Library of assistive technology resources; and, working with Chico State University on Teacher Credentialing. She also reported that Shasta County SELPA is working with schools on Transition services to ensure a Free and Appropriate Education. Betsy shared that they maintain a good working relationship with Rowell Family Empowerment Co. Ca. Although the budget is forcing fiscal challenges, SELPA is committed to help serve approximately 3,067 special education students in Shasta County.

4. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Director

Laura shared the upcoming FOCUS Film Festival 2010, highlighting the April 29, 2010 showing of “The Horse Boy” film at Sierra Nevada Big Room from 7-9pm. She acknowledged the SCDD/AB2 Mini Grant funding, made the April showing possible.

Laura requested assistance from Stephen Concklin, Siskiyou Co. Representative, to review and brainstorm a curriculum that may work at community colleges to serve our population.

Laura reported on the January 29, 2010 FNRC Board meeting in Anderson noting FNRC received a “clean audit report.” She also reported that they are not filling positions when people leave, thus causing case loads to be very high at this time! FNRC successfully placed 10 consumers in the community due to the closure of Agnews Developmental Center. Laura reviewed the Governor’s Budget and discussed the many “controls” in place that effect services. A “Medium Rate” was created, they eliminated start up money for new programs and service standards were instituted. All these factors allow DDS to monitor and watch spending from regional centers. Laura reiterated the vulnerability of the service system. She also shared updates on expansion projects in Butte County and the importance of the Area Boards and the power of advocates at this time.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, AB2 Executive Director

- A.** Activity Update - Robin reviewed her activity report in the Board packet. She provided background and information on the Northern California State Budget Alliance (NCSBA), a recently formed group with representatives from various north state organizations, linked to statewide effort. Robin shared NCSBA’s “membership statement”, “California Recovery Plan” and her contact with SCDD headquarters’ attorney. After a lengthy discussion including the pros (collaboration, collective voice, democracy, dire times) and cons (PACs, lobbying..), as well as, our Lanterman Act mandates, the Board decided to join this group.

MOTION – AB2 will formally become members of NCSBA

M/S/C – J. Phillips / C. Ryberg / Passed (2 nays - M. Yalow/L. Stevens)

- B.** 2nd Quarter BSG - LQA Expenditure Reports - Expenditure reports for BSG and LQA were passed out and reviewed. Leroy requested that AB2 begin rotating meetings throughout our 9 counties.

- C.** LQA Final Report and “Lessons Learned” - AB2’s final LQA report including “Lessons Learned” was highlighted. Updates on the new QA project was provided noting negotiations with DDS and the implementation plan at SCDD continues. The Board will be updated as developments occur.
- D.** Parent Guidebook “Keeping Your Child Safe” - The HRSAP committee has developed a new parent guidebook “Keeping Your Child Safe.” Copies were distributed and the Board was encouraged to share this resource with their communities.
- E.** Unmet Needs Forms - Background history on the “Unmet Need” process and AB2 involvement was shared. A sample handout of unmet needs from 2006-2009 was provided. Laura noted several of this “needs” had been filled and would provide a current update. AB2 will begin tracking and reporting on “Unmet Needs” forms received on an annual basis.
- F.** Board Binder Input - Sample Board binders were passed out and feedback requested. Using a smaller binders and including a “bio” on each member was requested. Robin will work with staff to create new Board binders. Board Member business cards were also requested. Lastly, the Board requested all info in Board packets be 3-hole punched.

6. EMERGING ISSUES/COMMUNITY REPORTS

Glenn County - Jean Phillips shared that her family gave her a remote control to lock/unlock her front door for security/safety purposes. It is working out well. She also reported on more buildings in Orland are now accessible.

Mike Yalow reported on a meeting he and Robin had in Orland with SELPA and FNRC to discuss a variety of issues in Glenn County. They discussed housing, education, employment, business plans/models, public transportation attendants, and outreach. Mike shared that he felt it was a successful meeting and many plans are in motion. He outlined the many projects in Glenn County and will keep the Board updated on the developments and progress.

Butte County – Steven Sharpe reported on Gridley’s People First Chapter and shared fundraising projects for the Region 2 People First Conference in June 2010. The group continues to work in increasing membership.

Siskiyou County - Stephen Concklin reported on his visit to College of the Siskiyou. He is planning on meeting with the college President to discuss disability issues. He also shared that Robin will be joining him at Siskiyou County SELPA’s CAC meeting on February 18, 2010 to discuss Area 2 Board and related topics to our regions projects.

Trinity County - Colleen Ryberg expressed concerns about the day program in Weaverville. She also shared that her nephew went to Haiti to help with rescue efforts and was interviewed on CNN.

7. ADJOURN 12:01 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7- 8, 2010 in Chico